

The Old Stone Mansion (Littlepage)  
Kanawha Two Mile, Charleston,  
Kanawha County, West Virginia

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District of West Virginia

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Herbert S. Kyle, District Officer  
1107 Union Bldg., Charleston, W.Va.

THE OLD STONE MANSION (Littlepage)  
Kanawha Two Mile, Charleston, West Virginia.

Owner Charleston National Bank, Charleston, W. Va.  
Date of Erection 1845.  
Builder Joy & Carson, direction of Robert H. Thornton, Owner.  
Present Condition Good. Remodeled.  
Number of Stories Two and attic.

Materials of Construction Foundation walls stone. Exterior walls, including the gables, are of cut stone. All horizontal joints level. All vertical joints plumb. The stones in the bottom courses are 18" high and graduate from this size to 8" in the apex of the gables. Some of the stones in the bottom courses are over 6 ft. long and more than one ton in weight. Window sills and the headers are one stone in length. The wash of the sill and the panel of the headers are hand cut. The floor, ceiling and roof are wood frame. All of the interior woodwork, except the stairway from second floor to attic, has been destroyed and replaced with new and modern trim. The roof is of slate and appears to be more recent than the original building, though no definite information can be obtained regarding it.

Other Existing Records Laidley's History of Kanawha County. Article written by Mr. John Swann, published in the Philadelphia Times in 1902. Reprinted by the Charleston Gazette Sunday, June 8, 1902. Pictures of The Old Stone Mansion, custody of Mrs. A.M. Putney, Kanawha Two Mile, Charleston, W. Va.

Additional Data The building has sheltered four families: that of Mr. Robert H. Thornton, who resided there only a short while, and three generations of the Littlepage family. It then passed into commercial use. Adam Brown Dickinson Littlepage, Sr. purchased the house from Thornton in 1849 and moved his family into it before it was entirely finished.

It has many historical associations of the Civil War period in connection with both the Northern and Southern Armies. It was probably saved from complete destruction by the wife of Adam B. Littlepage, Sr. The stables, granaries, shops and tenant houses of the plantation were destroyed by the Union Army, at the time

of Lightburn's retreat through the valley. It was noted for its entertainment of the socially and politically prominent of the early period.

The building represents the residence of the more wealthy of this section. It is said to be the first hand cut stone building in the valley.

Historical data furnished by  
Mrs. A. M. (Rebecca Littlepage) Putney,  
daughter of Mr. Adam B. Littlepage, Sr.,  
who was born and reared in  
The Old Stone Mansion.

*Theresa M. Mathes*

Approved

*Robert D. Allen*  
District Officer.

June 25, 1936.

*Reviewed July 31, 1936, -m*